

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated August 3, 2005. Claims 1-10 and 12-17 remain pending in this application. Claims 1 and 12 are the independent claims. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication that Claim 11 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has added the limitations of Claim 11 into independent Claims 1 and 12 and believes all the claims to be allowable at this time. Applicant respectfully believes the § 102 rejections contained in the Office Action to be moot in light of the incorporation of the limitations of Claim 11 into the independent claims. Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the § 102 rejections.

In response to the Office Action's objection to Claims 14, 15, and 18 Applicant respectfully believes the amendments to Claims 14 and 15 and the cancellation of Claim 18 render the objections moot and respectfully request their withdrawal.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the currently-pending claims are clearly patentable. Accordingly, entry of this amendment, reconsideration

of the rejections of the claims over the references cited, and allowance of this application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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